

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention provides a combination, comprising an allosteric carboxylic inhibitor of MMP-13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, with a 5 selective inhibitor of COX-2, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, that is not celecoxib or valdecoxib. This invention also provides a method of treating a disease that is responsive to inhibition of MMP-13 and cyclooxygenase-2, comprising administering to a patient suffering from such a disease the invention combination comprising an allosteric carboxylic inhibitor of MMP-13, or a 10 pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, with a selective inhibitor of COX-2, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, that is not celecoxib or valdecoxib. This invention also provides a pharmaceutical composition, comprising the invention combination comprising an allosteric carboxylic inhibitor of MMP-13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, with a selective inhibitor of COX-2, or a 15 pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, that is not celecoxib or valdecoxib, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient. This invention also provides a combination comprising an NSAID, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and an allosteric carboxylic inhibitor of MMP-13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. This invention also provides a 20 pharmaceutical composition, comprising the invention combination comprising an allosteric carboxylic inhibitor of MMP-13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, with an NSAID, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient. This invention also provides a method of treating a disease that is responsive to inhibition of MMP-13 25 and cyclooxygenase-1 or cyclooxygenase-2, comprising administering to a patient suffering from such a disease the invention combination comprising an allosteric carboxylic inhibitor of MMP-13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, with an NSAID, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. The invention combinations may also be further combined with other pharmaceutical agents 30 depending on the disease being treated.